

REUNION OF SOLID CITIZENS.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE NEW-YORK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
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WORDS OF WIT AND WISDOM FROM PRESIDENT
ORR, CHARLES STEWART SMITH, THE REV.
DR. STORRS, THE MAYOR-ELECT, MURAT

HALSTRAED, GENERAL MILES, AD-
MIRAL ERBEN AND CONTROL-
LER ECKELS—A LETTER
FROM DR. PARK-
HURST.

In London they have a Lord Mayor's banquet
in the Guild Hall once a year, and in this city
they have a Chamber of Commerce dinner once
a year. These two gatherings of representative

men of the English-speaking race in two of the greatest cities of the world afford reasonable ground for comparison. The big dinner in London is made up of Cabinet Ministers and titled persons of prominence generally, and what is said there is taken as a forecast of what is to be done thereafter by the Government in power. The big dinner in New-York—and it took place last night in Delmonico's for the 125th time—has no person of title; would have had at least one Cabinet Minister, John G. Carlisle, last night—may be changed, his mind; and what is said is

As Macaulay spoke at the Press in England giving the Fourth Estate of the Realm, so might some American historian speak of the Chamber of Commerce of New-York being the Fourth Estate of the Republic—the People, the Government, and the Press—taken as the other three in the order named. What the Chamber of Commerce think and what they say may be taken as a fair barometer of the condition of the country, and with this as the method of meas-

during last night it is safe to say that there are better times in store for New-York and for the country during the coming year than Democratic blundering and blundering allowed in the last two years.

Close upon 300 persons crowded into the public dinner-room of this famous restaurant and overflowed it into the adjoining rooms—a condition of overcrowding which occurs only at one or two other public dinners during the season, notably that of the New-England Society. But what a gathering! You should have been there and seen it. It represented every walk of life and every shade of politics.

There was the venerable James S. T. Stranahan, representing what is best in the citizen who has the welfare of a great city at heart, and

Mayor-elect Colonel William L. Strong, who has the welfare of a greater city at heart. The Rev. Dr. Storrs, who was an excellent representative of the pulpit, had a seat of honor at the guests'

able, and his speech ranked among the best that were heard during the evening. In addition to the work done by the Committee of Arrangements, special reference should be made to the energy, the industry and the ubiquitousness of that most obliging of men, George Wilson, the secretary, who never once seemed to think of himself so long as any one of the 300 people who sat down appeared to be in want of anything. A great many persons seemed desirous of shaking hands and talking with James H. Eckels, the Controller of the Currency, who sat in line with the chairman, while George J. Gould, who was

next George Rutledge Gibson, who presided at Table E, was sought out by many people who wanted to shake his hand, and did.

...s left of Tammany was there; but it was harmless, and you would not note the absence of their cheers amid the thunders of applause which greeted the mention of the name of Mayor-elect Strong, who, in the absence of Governor-elect

THE DECORATIONS.

A word for the decorations. They were elaborate and well arranged. Of course, Old Glory dominated everything, as it had a right to, and these weighty men of business seemed as glad as schoolboys at being unable to turn their eyes in any direction without seeing that symbol of authority and freedom, the Stars and Stripes.

handsome living picture in the orchestra gallery, flanked by tall palms and ferns, and listening attentively to every word that was spoken and joining heartily in many of the cheers that were heard, was Father Ducey, who has been referred to as "the Pope's reporter," and who smiled and nodded at many people who saluted him.

THE MENU.

The design of the menu cover may be thus described: The chief and lower part of the device was a pleasing group, composed of the head of Mercury, the god of Commerce, the winged wheel

introduced in a bold and positive manner suggestive of rapid transit, on the one side being a shield, bearing the arms of the State of New-York, and on the other the seal of the Chamber; here, also, were the punchbowl, the bear's head and dishes of fruit. Issuing from this were branches of ivy, suggestive of good cheer and fellowship, each leaf bearing the name of one of the twenty-seven presidents of the Chamber, from 1768 to the present time.

all this enclosed the inscription, which read: "One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, of the State of New-York, Tuesday Evening, November 20, 1894." Above the inscription was the inverted crescent of good luck, which was marked November 20. The menu was as follows:

consommé. Sésigné. Hors d'œuvre. Tortue verte, claire.
Timbales à la Renaissance. Poisson.
Aiguillettes de bœuf, italiennes.
Pommes de terre, d'aspersion.
Relève.
Filets de bœuf au Marsala.
Fonds d'arrichauts, fondé.
Entrées.
Allée de poulet, Génin.
Petits pois à l'anglaise.
Terrapine à la Maryland.
Sorbet. Régence.

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 (Carnaback.
 Froid.
 Terrine de foie-gras à la gelée.
 Salade de laitue.
 Entremets de jus.
 Poires, Richelieu.
 Pêches aux oranges. Gaufres, bavaroise. Pièces Montées.
 Glaces fantaisies. Fruits. Pâtis froids.
 Café.

The menu was inclosed in a handsome engraving on the front of which were representations

AT THE TABLE OF HONOR.

here sat on his right Mayor-elect Strong, and on his left Charles Stewart Smith, ex-president of the Chamber. The others at the table of honor were: Prince E. Ruspoli, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Torrs, Rear-Admiral Henry Erben, Major-General [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Samuel

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of General Horace Porter, J. Edward Simmons,

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